GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Municipal Administration & Urban Development Department – Allegations leveled against Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Town Planning Section, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District and presently working as Assistant City Planner, Zone-IV, GVMC., Visakhapatnam, as he had exhibited gross negligence by returning the draft endorsement signed by him to the Town Planning Supervisor Sri Ch.V.Narayana Rao instead of forwarding to the Municipal Commissioner - Departmental Proceedings under Rule-20 of the A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of charges - Issued.

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 615 **Dated: 25-06-2018**

ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V.Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Town Planning Section, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District and presently working as Assistant City Planner, Zone-IV, GVMC., Visakhapatnam in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The statement of articles of charges and statement of imputations of misconduct and misbehavior in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed Annexures I & II. A list of witnesses by whom and a list of documents by which, the articles of charges proposed to be sustained are also enclosed in Annexures III & IV.

3. Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality is directed to submit his written statement of his defense within (10) days from the date of receipt of this order.

4. Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government Servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his

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interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt within these proceedings it will be presumed that above said Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule-24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

R.KARIKAL VALAVEN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, the then Town Planning Officer, Town Planning Section, Office of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District and presently working as Assistant City Planner, Zone-IV, GVMC., Visakhapatnam **through the** Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:

The Director of Town & Country Planning, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner, GVMC., Visakhapatnam.
The Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District.
The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Secretary to APVC, 5th block, AP Secretariat.
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Annexure-I to G.O.Rt.No.615 , M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated:25.06.2018.

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VELAGA RAJESWARA RAO, S/O LATE V.V.S.N. MURTHY, TOWN PLANNING OFFICER, O/o THE COMMISSIONER, VIZIANAGARAM MUNICIPALITY, VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT.

That Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, S/o Late V.V.S.N.Murthy, worked as Town Planning Officer, Town Planning Section, O/o the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2016 in the office of Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District. While working as such from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2016, committed grave misconduct in as much as.

CHARGE

He returned the draft endorsement signed by him to the Town Planning Supervisor Sri Ch.Narayana Rao instead of forwarding to the Municipal Commissioner.

Thus, Sri V. Rajeswara Rao, S/o Late V.V.S.N.Murthy, worked as Town planning Officer, Town Planning Section, O/o the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District by his above mentioned acts exhibited gross negligence and lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a Govt. Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Annexure-II to G.O.Rt.No.615 , M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated: 25.06.2018.

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF GROSS DERELICTION OF DUTY IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI VELAGA RAJESWARA RAO. S/O V.V.S.N.MURTHY. TOWN PLANNING OFFICER. O/o THE COMMISSIONER, VIZIANAGARAM MUNICIPALITY. VIZIANAGARAM DISTRICT

Sri Velaga Rajeswara Rao, S/o V.V.S.N Murthy, worked as Town Planning Officer, O/o the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District, and presently working as Assistant City Planner, Zone-lV, GVMC, Visakhapatnam. His date of birth is 05.11.1960 and he entered in Government Service on 25.04.1980 as Town Planning Supervisor, Town and Country Planning Department. He worked as Town Planning officer, Vizianagaram Municipality from 30.06.2013 to 30.06.2016 and drew basic pay of Rs.68,750/-. He is here-in-after referred to as Government Servant.

CHARGE

He returned the draft endorsement signed by him to the Town Planning Supervisor Sri Ch.Narayana Rao instead of forwarding to the Municipal Commissioner.

FACTS & EVIDENCE:

Brief facts of the case are that Sri Cheedi Venkata Narayana Rao, while working as Town Planning Supervisor, Vizianagaram Municipality Vizianagaram District demanded bribe of Rs.1,00,000/- from Sri Gajji Murali and he was trapped when he further demanded and accepted the said amount on 02.06.2016.

During the course of trap proceedings, the file relating to building plan approval of the complainant Sri Gajji Murali was recovered from the table of the Sri Ch.Venkata Narayana Rao and on perusal of the file is found that the endorsement file reached the Government Servant for approval on 13.05.2016. The Government Servant after perusing the file counter signed on the draft endorsement of plan approval of Sri Gajji Murali on 13.05.2016 itself and returned the file to the Town Planning Supervisor Sri Ch. Venkata Narayana Rao instead of sending it to the Municipal Commissioner through concerned clerk. During the course of investigation, the Municipal Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality Sri G.Naga Raju, stated that as per procedure after signing on the endorsement the Government Servant would have sent the file to him for final approval.

Thus, Sri Velaga Rajeswara Rao S/o V.V.S.N. Murthy worked as Town Planning Officer, O/o the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District and presently working as Assistant City Planner, Zone -lV, GVMC, Visakhapatnam by his above mentioned acts, has exhibited negligence and lack of devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of a

Government Servant and there by contravened Rule 3(1) & (2) of AP Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, Sri Velaga Rajeswara Rao S/o V.V.S.N. Murthy worked as Town Planning Officer, O/o the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District and presently working as Assistant City Planner, Zone-lV, GVMC, Visakhapatnam has therefore rendered himself liable for regular departmental action for major penalty.

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Annexure-III to G.O.Rt.No.615 , M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated: 25.06.2018.

LIST OF WITNESSES:

1. Sri Gajji Murali, S/o Adinarayana, 40 years, Private Builder, R/o D.No.1-13-195, Bogguladibba, Cantonment, Vizianagaram Town.
2. Sri Gujjala Naga Raju, S/o G. Purushottam, Age 51 years, Municipal Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram District, R/o Plot No.7, Mourya Apartment, Thotapalem , Vizianagaram Town.
3. Sri Mudundi Appala Raju, S/o Late Seetharama Raju, Age: 39 years, Senior Assistant (G-1 Clerk), Town Planning Section, O/o Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram, R/o MIG-24 APHB Colony, Babametta, Vizianagaram Town.
4. Sri Korada Kiran, S/o Late Babu Rao, Age: 33 years, Senior Assistant (G-2 Clerk), Town Planning Section, O/o Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram, R/o LIG-291, VUDA Phase -ll, Baba Metta, Vizianagaram Town.
5. Dr. Jampana sampath Kumar Varma, S/o. Late J.D. Venkatapathi Raju, 57 years, physiotherapist, District Head Quarter Hospital, Vizianagaram, R/o D.No.169, Lakshmi Ganapathi Colony, Phoolbagh, Vizianagaram Town**(Mediator-1).**
6. Sri Veduruparthi Geetha Satya Umapathi, S/o Butchi Rama Raju, 40 years, Health lnspector, District Head Quarter Hospital, Vizianagaram, R/o. H/No. MIG1/181, phase-ll, VUDA Colony, Cantonment, Vizianagaram Town **(Mediator-2)**.
7. Sri Ch.Lakshmipathi, Dy. Supdt. of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram.
8. Sri S. Lakshmoji, Inspector of Police, Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram.
9. Any other witnesses if required.

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Annexure-IV to G.O.Rt.No.615 , M.A. & U.D. (Vig.I) Dept., Dated: 25.06.2018.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS:

1. Copy of FIR in Cr.No.04/RCT-ACB-VZM/2016, dated: 02.06.2016 of ACB, Vizianagaram Range.
2. Mediators report drafted at the office of Town Planning Section in the office of Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram.
3. Letter ROC No.2333/2015-G2 dated: 09-11-2016 of the Commissioner, Vizianagaram Municipality, Vizianagaram.
4. Made up file containing the file of the complainant along with its enclosures -32 sheets.

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